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MONTANA ECONOMY AT A GLANCE

UNEMPLOYMENT BY COUNTY

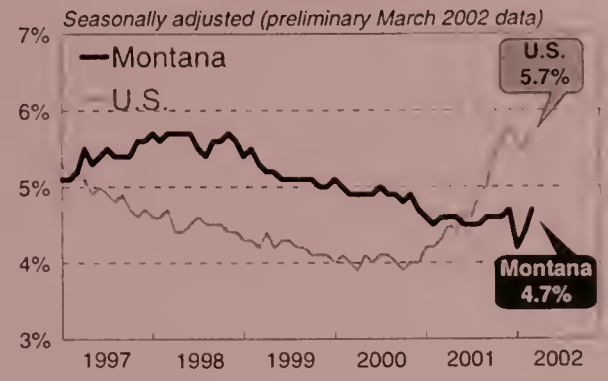
Not seasonally adjusted

	March 2001	March 2002*
UNITED STATES	4.6%	6.1%
MONTANA	5.5%	5.5%
Cascade **	5.1%	5.1%
Missoula **	4.2%	4.2%
Yellowstone **	3.8%	4.2%
Beaverhead	4.3%	4.2%
Big Horn	15.5%	18.0%
Blaine	8.8%	7.3%
Broadwater	5.9%	5.3%
Carbon	5.2%	5.7%
Carter	3.2%	3.2%
Chouteau	3.8%	3.6%
Custer	4.9%	4.0%
Daniels	4.1%	3.5%
Dawson	2.9%	3.1%
Deer Lodge	8.1%	6.7%
Fallon	3.7%	4.4%
Fergus	8.2%	6.2%
Flathead	7.6%	7.3%
Gallatin	2.5%	3.1%
Garfield	2.6%	4.2%
Glacier	13.5%	11.0%
Golden Valley	5.4%	7.9%
Granite	10.3%	9.8%
Hill	4.5%	4.0%
Jefferson	4.5%	5.0%
Judith Basin	5.4%	6.9%
Lake	11.3%	10.4%
Lewis & Clark	4.4%	5.1%
Liberty	3.0%	2.9%
Lincoln	16.7%	15.3%
McCone	3.4%	2.4%
Madison	5.7%	5.3%
Meagher	7.4%	8.3%
Mineral	10.7%	10.2%
Musselshell	7.5%	10.0%
Park	5.8%	5.9%
Petroleum	6.1%	3.9%
Phillips	5.3%	6.4%
Pondera	4.8%	6.1%
Powder River	2.9%	4.7%
Powell	6.3%	6.2%
Prairie	7.1%	5.6%
Ravalli	5.4%	6.0%
Richland	7.3%	8.2%
Roosevelt	8.7%	8.3%
Rosebud	8.1%	6.8%
Sanders	11.5%	12.4%
Sheridan	4.7%	4.6%
Silver Bow	5.8%	6.1%
Stillwater	3.4%	3.8%
Sweet Grass	3.0%	4.0%
Teton	4.8%	4.1%
Toole	2.9%	3.0%
Treasure	5.4%	6.5%
Valley	5.0%	5.1%
Wheatland	3.3%	7.5%
Wibaux	3.9%	4.5%

**March 2002 rate preliminary*
*** Cascade=Great Falls MSA*
Missoula= Missoula MSA
Yellowstone=Billings MSA

March 2002 HIGHLIGHTS

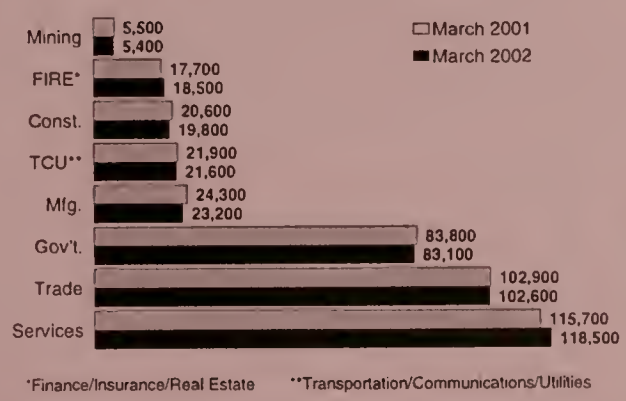
Unemployment



Montana's unemployment rate was 4.7 percent in March—a full percentage point below the national rate.

Nonag Payroll Employment

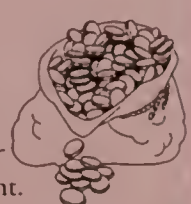
Montana Jobs (Seasonally Adjusted)



Montana's nonagricultural payroll employment was up about 0.1 percent over the year.

- Services was up about 2,800 jobs.
- Manufacturing was down approximately 900 jobs.
- Construction was down about 800 jobs.

Earnings



Average weekly earnings for Montana's private sector production workers were up 3.0 percent over the year in March, outpacing U.S. inflation, which was up 1.5 percent.

2000 CENSUS

Population by race

The 2000 Census reports the following population by race information for Montana:

- White: 90.6%
- Native American: 6.2%
- Asian: 0.5%
- Black/African American: 0.3%
- Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander: 0.1%
- Some other race: 0.6%
- Two or more races: 1.7%

For more Census information, visit the Montana Census and Economic Information Center website at http://ceic.commerce.state.mt.us.

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WHICH MONTANA INDUSTRIES PAY ABOVE AVERAGE WAGES?

Montana average annual wage, covered employment*, year 2000 = $24,275

	2000 Avg Annual Employment	2000 Avg. Annual Wage
Agricultural, foresty & fishing	4,853	$ 18,603
Forestry	229	30,941
Mining	4,976	$ 49,057
Metal mining	1,942	55,500
Coal mining	892	55,101
Mining & quarrying, nonmetal	773	41,236
Oil & gas extraction	1,367	40,455
Construction	19,698	$ 28,996
Heavy construction	3,673	37,369
General building	5,836	27,120
Special trade	10,188	27,056
Manufacturing	24,709	$ 31,392
Petroleum refining	963	61,161
Paper	722	53,774
Chemicals	635	40,046
Primary metals	1,022	38,385
Instruments	466	32,356
Lumber & wood products	7,156	32,095
Electrical machinery	415	31,859
Stone, clay, glass & concrete	1,043	30,949
Fabricated metals	838	30,181
Nonelectrical machinery	2,387	29,530
Transportation equipment	526	27,700
Miscellaneous manufacturing	1,260	27,392
Food products	2,599	27,291
Rubber & misc. plastics	453	24,563

	2000 Avg. Annual Employment	2000 Avg. Annual Wage
Transportation, commun. & utilities	19,038	$ 32,760
Pipelines, except natural gas	94	55,725
Electric, gas & sanitary services	3,753	48,777
Communications	4,154	35,869
Trucking & warehousing	5,696	29,046
Air transportation	2,505	28,622
Wholesale trade	18,359	$ 30,487
Durable goods	9,997	31,782
Nondurable goods	8,362	28,940
Finance, insurance & real estate	17,607	$ 31,383
Security & commodity dealers	1,042	82,229
Holding & other investments offices	661	41,594
Nondepository credit institutions	950	34,145
Insurance carriers	2,425	32,375
Insurance agents, brokers & service	2,363	30,860
Depository institutions	6,496	28,331
Services	113,048	$ 21,896
Legal services	2,458	36,648
Engineering services	7,786	35,400
Miscellaneous services	243	31,843
Health services	34,561	29,403
Government	72,600	$ 28,878
Federal gov. (civilian)	13,484	41,972
State gov. (incl. public education)	20,282	29,369

*Covered employment includes workforce working for employers subject to Montana's unemployment insurance (UI) laws.
SOURCE: Montana Dept. of Labor & Industry, Research & Analysis Bureau, Covered Employment & Wages (ES-202 Series).

WHAT'S "COVERED EMPLOYMENT"?

- Covered employment includes those working for employers covered by unemployment insurance laws. In Montana, approximately 83 percent of Montana's employment is covered employment.
- Noncovered employment includes the self-employed, railroad workers, volunteers, unpaid family workers and domestic workers. Most agricultural workers are noncovered.

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